Recurrence, Reincarnation and Karma

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Mr. Nyland: So, what are we going to talk about tonight? - Good - go ahead.

Jin Marcoll: Mr. Nyland, we weren't able to make it last Monday and my son Mark is here. We're not going to be able to make it next Wednesday at the luncheon so I brought him tonight so he could ask his question.

Mr. Nyland: Fine, let's have the question.

Mark Horstmann: Mr. Nyland, I have a question on recurrence. As far as my Karma, you know, I've lead past lives. Well, now the question is I think of myself as an individual, and I've led a life before and he'd - he knew nothing of his life before that and he thought of himself as an individual. Now, say I achieve my Karma right now in this life. What I mean to say is that when I work everything out; this is my last life. Will he have his individualism? Is he unique? Because he doesn't have the same thoughts as me and he may like different things and . . .

Mr. Nyland: Do you know the difference between recurrence and reincarnation?

Mark: I thought it was the same.

Mr. Nyland: No, it is not the same. No, no. Have you any idea that you have lived before?

Mark: Well, I've read some on this.

Mr. Nyland: No, as an experience. You know sometimes people have a very definite experience. It seems as if what they then experience, that that has happened before, and sometimes that they actually can predict what is going to happen. You know what is sometimes called 'deja vu' or precognition, or presentiment? Cognition belongs to that what you know in your mind, presentiment, of course means, that you feel it. But very often - at least some people are extrasensory, quite perceptive - they live a life and it seems as if, in that life, what they have as experience that something is happening that they already know, and really sometimes they feel they don't have to live it again.

Now when we say recurrence, it simply means that a person recurs in the same way, in exactly the same way as before, and that means also that it is very difficult for him to get a concept of something that has happened before, and it is now repeated in exactly the same way. Now only, that one has an understanding when I live now through my life and I have an idea that I get older; and that the time that I now, you might say, use up from birth until I die - that that is a certain length of time. Recurrence would mean that this length of time already exists and exists from beginning to end. The only reason why I don't know it is because I'm in the midst of it. But if I could free myself from that what is now a line of time in which my life is being spent, then I would have a chance of looking at this line of time in quite a different way; and not being attached to it, I would have a chance to see it from beginning to end as if it is telescoped into one.

Now recurrence means that I have a recollection of certain things already happening at the same time, but not in a time-length but in a time-point; and that within this time-point there is no possible division between different dimensions. So then you might say that that what is happening has happened all the time, and is still happening and will continue to happen. That is real recurrence. That is that I am free from the laws of Earth, and I am living in a different sphere where the Law

of Earth as a time dimension doesn't belong anymore and has no concept for me. You see, it has nothing to do with the development of a man. It is simply that I am free from that what is a condition on Earth and I look then at that what I now experience on Earth as if I am away from Earth.

Reincarnation is a different kind of a concept. I think that during the lifetime of a person he has a chance of developing. He has at the present time, when he finds himself on Earth, potentialities which are not developed; and for some reason or other, either by means of certain experiences that he has - some of them unconsciously, or some of them may be forced on him because of circumstances - and he might, for that reason, suffer and learn more, or sometimes as a result of Work on himself, something takes place in such a man and he develops, within his lifetime, certain possibilities of a kind of a nature which is no longer subject to the Law of Earth. I mean by that, that they become independent of his physical body and they are like an outgrowth of his spiritual existence. Now to the extent that this spiritual existence actually has developed far enough, and when his physical body dies, that remains in existence in a certain realm which we call simply an outer-world or a spiritual world, or a world certainly which is not directly connected with the Earth. And there this entity keeps on moving about, having its own existence and being subject to different laws that pertain to that level of being, and they are not the same, of course, as on Earth because it is a spiritual existence and it is also in that particular sphere where the laws that we now know as time, don't exist. And when there is on Earth a division between positive and negative and good and evil, and things that are opposite to each other - in this particular level of spiritual development there are no such opposites. One lives not by words, one lives by feeling and the communication between the different spirits in that world simply are not formulated, but they are felt.

Now such a, you might call it still, a person, because although it doesn't have the form and the physical appearance as we usually see a man, he has a spiritual existence, and that also has a certain form but not of the same kind of matter as we know a physical matter to exist. Nevertheless, if we call it a person or an entity,

there is something there in that particular world which still has to, you might say, be experienced before this spirit - which is now apart from the totality of all spiritual existence - can be united with that what is the All-Pervading Universal Existence of that what is - we call it simply His Endlessness.

There is a certain reason why people, when they are on Earth, have to work themselves loose from that what is now bondage. It is apparently a question of forming a counter-balance to that what is emanated from His Endlessness as a center in an involutionary sense, of creation of certain forms of worlds, that that has to be counteracted by striving on the part of each world on his own - and humanity, for instance, on Earth - to strive towards the uniting again of that what they represent as life, from the place where they are - gradually loosening themselves up from that what is now binding them. And in that particular striving, hoping then to be united with the totality of, I call it, His Endlessness or God.

So when one, as a spiritual entity, leaves this Earth, there is still a great deal of Work to be done in order to loosen oneself up further; and although the laws in the spiritual world - particularly on the planetary level - are much reduced, there are still laws. If there are a number of laws of 48 on Earth, there are still 24 on the planetary, and 12 on the solar level. And it is only when one gets past the 12 that you enter into a certain sphere, a certain level of being or a certain, you might call it, configuration closer to that what is the center of the universe, that that striving on the part of the spiritual entity still is going to continue to exist, even when it is on the level of an emotional or, let's say, a spiritual level of that what belongs to the level of the planets. In that particular state this particular entity, having to go through experiences in order to free itself from them, may need certain conditions which, when he was on Earth, were not attended to. And at such a time this spiritual world, being populated by a great many spirits of different kinds of gradation and different kinds of understanding - anyone who does come as an entity into that realm - depending on the condition in which he is when he dies and what he has experienced in his life on Earth - will rise to a certain level, And it may be that at that level there will have to be a contact with those who are already on a higher

level telling or instructing this particular spirit - this entity - to return to Earth in order to fulfill the obligations for which this person has not paid as yet. This would be a form of reincarnation if, following such a command, this spirit goes down to Earth and gets - you might say reborn.

The rebirth of such an entity can take place in two different ways. It can choose the kind of parents it wants to be born under, and that may take a long time before it can select the right kind of a combination, so that that spirit can enter into the child as it is being born out of such parents. Sometimes it's a difficult kind of a concept but, you see, these spirits, when they are free from Earth, have a different way of knowing things, and sometimes are less bound. And that they then can direct and choose themselves to be born on a lower level in certain conditions which they know will be conducive for their possible development. To what extent they are instructed to do that and whatever wisdom is given to them, it may be very difficult to say. But it is one way by which a person can reincarnate into the body of a little child growing up then, and having during that lifetime of the child and growing up into a full-grown man, will have the opportunity of, you might say, purging itself from that what is still attaching them to Earth. This is one way.

The other is that reincarnation can take place in any other form of living on Earth - sometimes animals and sometimes human beings; and that this spirit can look for a suitable kind of vehicle into which it then can enter and then join - if it is a man - with the possible spiritual development of that man. And since it can be of the same kind of caliber, the same kind of quality of spiritual development, will actually merge with such a person in his spiritual life and then, you might say, together will be able to grow out faster. That is, one will contribute one and the other will contribute another. In order to be chosen for that kind of a vehicle by a spirit of a different kind, all conditions have to be correct, and it may also, for that reason, take a long time before a suitable kind of a person is really found. And it is sometimes as if the person on Earth in whom something is reincarnated as from the outside, at such a time has a very definite - when this happens - has a very definite experience of something he cannot explain, but it is as if he, after that unity has

been accomplished, has become a different kind of a man. Sometimes it is called a shock; and it is something that is entering into him which he does not know about because he cannot recognize it, but it is something that changes his life. And with this form of rebirth the man becomes different because he is not only his own, you might say, but it is also something else that has been added to it.

It's a form of reincarnation which is not entirely as pure as the reincarnation when one starts again on the very beginning. But for certain entities it is not necessary to go through the rigamarole of being young and growing up slowly because the interest is, you might say, the sooner one can reach a unity in the outer world and the sooner one can become really a member of the total spiritual world which maintains the Earth, and maintains all heavenly bodies in the universe as a whole. That is before one can actually use one's existence for the help of Almighty God or Endless Father, that then in a person can be such a desire to be able to get through with the bondage in which he finds himself, that he doesn't want to lose time - although it is a strange word to use - that what is time for a Kesdjanian body is a different kind of time, but nevertheless it is a time-length in which certain things have to be done, and if it is not done, he will also face, in his Kesdjanian body, exactly the same problem as he will have when he has a physical body.

It is only after Kesdjan has died, that the Soul starts to exist. And the Soul is the bridge between that what is our ordinary solar system as a unit belonging to mankind, and that what belongs to God and by virtue of its principle. Now if it reaches - that is, if the Soul reaches that particular level where the solar system of man himself has become a unit of one, then he never will return anymore to Earth. He has fulfilled his task and he doesn't have to be reincarnated. He then lives, you might say, in a certain realm where there is a help for God as All-God-Father-Maintainer, is now being used by himself to become a servant or to become part or to be able to become an All-Quarter-Maintainer or an Archangel of a certain rank, which is quite close to that what is the Reality of Reality.

Now, in such a case, a third form of reincarnation can take place. It's quite a different one. It is when a Soul already has left completely that what is his solar system and he has paid already for his existence and he has no further obligation regarding Mother Nature, or even certain parts of Great Nature. In such a case, a man can be directed by that what is the All-Wise-Father telling him - that is communicating to him, or for him to know what the God of his own, will tell him, and that he becomes sensitive to it - that such an entity becomes a Messenger from Above, and then can take a certain way or a route, sometimes to Earth, sometimes to other planets which are, you might say, unfortunately situated in order then, in his life - and again this question of birth can take place either one way through being a child - like happened with Jesus Christ - or like Buddha where it may not have happened in that way, but it may have happened in a condition of entering into the body of someone else. Because there was a change in the Prince at the time when he set out to really, you might say, convert the world, or to help humanity. Whichever way it is, it is then considered a Messenger - a Messenger which, from its very early time of living, already starts to instruct and whose sole purpose of being reincarnated into a human body, is simply to show by example; and also by his means of living and teaching that there is something else that mankind as a whole should live for.

It is the same kind of thing as if Beelzebub returns to Earth several times as a Messenger and it is this repetition of a conscious man in a certain kind of state in which Beelzebub was learning, not necessarily having been perfected, so that several Messengers are not as perfect as some other Messengers. And you might say that that what is the ideal Messenger would be God, but He never comes. He sends His sons. And in the same way, Beelzebub, when he returns first - the first visit to Atlantis - is not at all in the same state as when afterwards he visits Tikliamish or Goblandia. And when finally in the Impartial Mentation chapter, when Beelzebub receives his horns, it is still problematical if he has four or three. And then when he has four, he enters into a different sphere, in which the first Law of Three in the ordinary, phenomenal world becoming noumena at the lower level, has changed into a world of noumena, belonging to the second triad.

But you see, that is all a little bit beside your particular question. A person who is recurring sometimes knows, but it is not clear and it remains vague because when he is on Earth, he is unable to divest himself from the concepts belonging to Earth. The person who has reincarnated always knows, he knows his reason of being, he knows that his life has to be dedicated to the purpose of further settling the debts - whatever it may have been. Or also when he has reincarnated as a Messenger, he is of course all the time conscious of his particular mission.

Karma for man means that he has to live his life in accordance with whatever has been a bondage for him, and dependent entirely on the kind of lives that he may have lived. Sometimes in recurrence it's the same way. In reincarnation it is possible that he has to come back again and again, and of course, there are many theories of saying that people had to live thousands of lives before they actually can be perfected. To what extent it is true, I do not know. The standpoint where one has to know it from, or where one actually could have that knowledge, should be very far removed from the Earth in order to see how close this kind of time - extending now over many lines of time historically - can connect it into one point. And the difficulty is that although it is theoretically possibly, you would have to go away quite a distance. And then the detail will lack you - that is there will not be detail in the description of such a man. So that I am a little suspicious about such people who claim that they have that kind of a clairvoyance to tell you that you have lived three or four thousand years ago, and you were then a Roman warrior doing this and that and the other. It may and it may not be true. I'm not arguing about it, only I'm saying that the difficulties that are inherent in that kind of a, almost I would call it, storytelling, it's very, very great. And before one gets to the absolute truth, it would have to be checked in many different ways; and if all ways come up with that kind of possibility then perhaps it could become the truth for us.

Karma is that one has laws under which one has lived, which have not been paid for and have to be paid for in this particular life, when one becomes aware of the existence of oneself. And Karma law can only be solved by a person who be-

comes awake. If he stays unconscious, his Karma law will go with him, except that what he gains by experience through the suffering in his present life, unconscious. That sometimes can settle part of his Karma, but it is accidental when it does happen. And there is no direction, and he simply has to take things as they come because the circumstances will help him to form in him certain counteractions regarding his Karmic Law, and maybe at times he will be (unable) to understand it. But his chances again are 100 to 1 that he will understand it, and he has to do it automatically or by chance. Still it is possible he learns; and he learns then through suffering, and not to get out of the way and sometimes he may even have belief that that is his Karma.

In order to settle a Karma law for oneself when one is awake, one will see what effect a life of a man on Earth, as a result of laws which, from the standpoint of Earth may seem accidental, but will become quite clear to anyone who is separated from Earth and can have an objective viewpoint. So then if he understands what is the reason for his suffering, he can then, with Consciousness, shorten the time which is necessary for the experience to settle with such Karmic laws. And during a lifetime, a man knowing his Karma, can Work consciously and conscientiously to settle, you might say, practically all his debts, so that then the debts, when he dies, die with him. And there is a freedom then possible for man because he happened to be the way he was, or whatever may have happened in previous lives. And not knowing it, he will find himself under these kind of laws which have to be settled and willingly settling them, he will do away with them. That is the advantage of a belief in reincarnation. And therefore a person who can actually understand his Karma in that way and even can ascribe it to the fact that he has to live again on Earth in a form of reincarnation in order to pay the debt to Mother Nature on Earth. If he can believe in it, and if he could become Conscious of it, he will then be able to use Work as a catalyzer for this speeding-up process to settle debts and get out of debt in a much quicker way because that what is the catalyst as a means of Working on himself will speed up all reactions that must take place in accordance with the laws of Earth.

So the knowledge of reincarnation and, as I say, the belief in it must sometimes, when one becomes quite sensitive, one will know that at certain times certain things have happened and it is then as if that is a repetition, but this time from a different kind of standpoint, and it may be because it was a reincarnation for a definite purpose and it may also be that he, in that second form, or in the choosing of his world, has now met conditions which enable him to go through the payment of debts much faster,

If you remember Osokin, it is exactly at that kind of a shock that Osokin happened to take a different road; and although everything led up in the same way as before in description which was for Osokin recurrence, that at a moment he started to realize that he has a choice and then he becomes reincarnated regarding the possibility of freeing himself because he happened to meet that kind of a man who tells him about it. And it is exactly the same when a person becomes Conscious or believes in the possibility of reincarnation that then, because of that, he can change himself. And the way he has to change himself is first the acquisition of knowledge which is then given to him in an objective sense. And that if he actually has Worked, that he will use it conscientiously and that with this, he has developed a Will that he then can continue to go in that direction and, as I say, catalytically shorten the period necessary for the payment of such a debt.

There is another way, of course, of looking at that. If I have to pay my debt to Mother Nature, I pay it now in the coin which is used on Earth and, regarding such coins, regarding the measure of money - money of a material kind of a certain something not necessarily dollar bills, but something that may even be measured in the quantity of energy as a payment, as a token for me, representing that what is the value of something I wish to obtain, for which I am putting in an equivalent of that what is the value for me to obtain it.

That that same kind of principle exists also on different levels, even if it is away from Earth and higher and towards, you might say, Heaven. So that for each level there is a certain token form of payment as represented by energy forms

which have a different kind of quality. And if I can live in a Conscious state, I don't live on Earth. If I live in my Conscience, I live on a planetary level; and then I have the ability to use, or at least the facility - or even I'm entitled to the use of the money which belongs to that level and sometimes I can use it for the payment of debts of a lower level. I can pay if I'm free from time in timelessness with exactly the same result of reaching a balance in that what does not take me any time at all.

So you see, this is another reason why, if one wants to pay debts, one ought to become Conscious in order to pay not only in a shorter time, but sometimes payment is enormous, and then be free. There is nothing unusual in that kind of a concept because a person in his ordinary life sometimes can have that kind of an experience in which at that moment whenever this happened, he became a different man and therefore he has no further payment to make to Earth. Paul, when he became Paul, was not Saul. And he never paid the debts that belonged to Saul because he paid them by means of becoming (Paul) and free from that what is the debt. If I go from one level to the other by means of a mutation, I then remain permanent regarding that level and I need not return. But as long as I am on Earth in an unconscious state, I change only by variations and they fall back again to the original specie. You understand what I mean?

Mark: Well, I understand a little of it, but it's still a little too complicated. for my understanding.

Mr. Nyland: Well, it's always complicated, because it's a complicated problem, you know You cannot solve higher mathematics by just A, B and C. But as long as it gives you a certain stimulus to continue to think about it, gradually, I'm sure, it'll become clearer.

Mark: Thank you, Mr. Nyland.

Mr. Nyland: All right. . . Yes?